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(WACO, TX) – [U.S. Representative Chet Edwards](#) has been appointed to serve on the [Agriculture and Rural Development Appropriations Subcommittee](#). Already a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, Edwards will be able to use the committee assignment to expand his influence and protect the interests of Texas Agriculture and rural communities as the only Texan on the panel.

Congressman Chet Edwards said, *“Agriculture is vitally important to the economy of our district and state, and I want to be sure our rural communities and Texas farmers and ranchers have a strong voice on this important committee.”*

Steve Pringle, Legislative Director of the [Texas Farm Bureau](#) , said, *“Chet has long demonstrated his support for his district with his service as Chairman of the Military Construction-VA and Energy and Water Appropriations Committees. However, placing Chet on the Agriculture Subcommittee puts a Texan in a critical role for all of Texas Agriculture.”*

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Mark A. Hussey, Vice Chancellor and Dean for [Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University](#) said, *“I am pleased*

to learn that Congressman Edwards has been appointed to serve on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. Chet understands the importance and economic impact of agriculture to Texas. His strong support for our teaching, research, and extension programs has helped bring \$12 million annually to Texas A&M and the Brazos Valley, and his appointment to this key committee is great news for Texas agriculture.”

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Edwards is one of only 12 members serving on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversees the budget for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and appropriates federal funding for vital agriculture research, rural electric cooperatives, water programs, and loans and grants for small rural communities seeking federal investments in economic development and infrastructure. The House Appropriations Committee announced new subcommittee assignments after the loss of a Member.

Edwards serves as Chairman of [Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee](#) and as Vice Chair of the [Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee](#)

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